if he or she had been a naturalized citizen at the time of such acquisition; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the rights or interest of any Proviso. other person or persons acquired before the passage of this act.

CHAP. 79.

CHAP. LXXX.

An Act relating to the Poor of Caroline County. Lib. TH. No. 4, Passed Jan 17, 1813 fol. 332.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Levy authorised for out-pensioners levy court of Caroline county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered at their discretion, to levy annually on the assessable property of said county, and cause to be collected, a sum of money sufficient for the support and maintenance of not exceeding ten poor out-pensioners, in addition to the number now authorised by law; Provided, that the annual allowance to each of said pen- Proviso sioners shall not exceed thirty dollars.

See 1799, ch. 65, and 1817, ch. 102.

CHAP. LXXXI.

An Act to straighten certain Roads near the Little Falls of Gunpow. Passed Jan 16, 1815 der. Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 332.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Commissioners appointed to lay out Benjamin Wilson, Joseph Jenkins, John Davis, Samuel Briscoe and open a road and Elias Glenn, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and directed to lay out and open a road from the Stave Ford on the Little Gunpowder to the city of Baltimore, and also a road from Amos's or Baldwin's Mill on Little Gunpowder, to Long Green creek near Aquila Hall's mill, and said road shall not exceed fifty feet in width, shall be laid out as nearly straight as the nature of the country will admit, and said commissioners shall make out a plot of the roads as aforesaid directed to be laid out and opened, and return the same to the clerk of Baltimore county court, to be recorded among the records of the county; and the said roads, when so laid out and opened, and the valuation of damages hereinafter directed to be made, paid or secured to be paid, to the individuals concerned, shall for ever thereafter be deemed and taken to be public roads, and shall be kept in repair as are other roads in said county.

2. And BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners, or a majority Damages to be 26. of them, shall ascertain and value if required, what damages may be sustained by any person or persons over whose land said roads may pass, by opening the same, taking into consideration advantages and disadvantages; Provided, that if any person shall be disaa- Provided tisfied with any such valuation, on application to Baltimore county court, said court shall appoint five commissioners, a majority of whom shall, upon oath or affirmation, value and assess the damages, and such assessment shall be final and conclusive, which shall be paid by the persons benefitted by the opening of said roads, and be apportioned among them by said commissioners.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court of A madmay to ex-Harford county shall have power and authority to extend the road from the Stave Ford to Belle-Air, in the same manner as said first named commissioners are directed to lay out said roads in Baltimore county.